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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please insert "Prior art" in figures 9(a), 9(b) and 10.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 2. Claim 1 is allowed.
- 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the record of prior art does not show a flat motor having a rotor, and a stator yoke with a plane section mounting a bearing and other plane section mounting driving coils, wherein the plane section is formed flat in a circular shape with centering the axis, and the other plane section is a part of surface of approximately a circular cone shape having a vertex on the axis and is in a shape of inclining towards a direction away from the rotor in accordance with being far away from the axis and formed with a pleat by bending the stator yoke in a conjugating section between the plane section and the other plane section. In prior art JP-6-11163 (Nishio) cited by Applicant, the flat motor also has a stator yoke with a plane 26 and other plane 28. However, the driving coil 12 does not mount on the other plane 28, which recites on the present claim.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leda T. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-2032. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-6:00) first Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on (571) 272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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